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TITLE: Communication schema of online system and method of ordering consumer product having specific configurations

DATE-ISSUED: August 19, 2003

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PARENT-CASE:

RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS This application claims the benefit of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/561,644, filed May. 2, 2000, and entitled Method and System for Configuring and Ordering Consumer Product, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/163,755, filed Nov. 5, 1999, and entitled Automotive Internet Business Methods and Systems. This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/538,516, filed on Mar. 29, 2000, and entitled, "Communication Schema of Online System and Method of Status Inquiry and Tracking Related to Orders for Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations." This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/539,392 filed on Mar. 30, 2000, and entitled, "Online System and Method of Locating Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations in the Enterprise Production Pipeline and Inventory." This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/542,413 filed on Apr. 4, 2000, and entitled, "Online System and Method of Reporting Related to Orders for Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations." This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/543,833 filed on Apr. 4, 2000, and entitled, "Communication Schema of Online Reporting System and Method Related to Online Orders for Consumer Products Having Specific Configurations." This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/543,686 filed on Apr. 5, 2000, and entitled, "Online System and Method of Ordering and Specifying Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations." This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/543,860, filed on Apr. 5, 2000, and entitled, "Communication Schema of Online System and Method of Locating Consumer Product in the Enterprise Production Pipeline." This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 09/537,190 filed on Mar. 29, 2000, and entitled, "Online System and Method of Status Inquiry and Tracking Related to Orders for Consumer Product Having Specific Configurations."

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ART-UNIT: 2167

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Jaketic; Bryan

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ABSTRACT:

An online communication schema for communicating online vehicle orders is provided. The communication schema includes a customer request message, which includes an order message having order information, contact information and vehicle configuration. The order message includes a fleet order message, a retail order message, and a tagged order message. The communication schema further includes a lead message having lead information, contact information, vehicle configuration, and dealer information. The communication schema further includes an order confirmation message.

36 Claims, 47 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6535880 B1

TITLE: Automated on-line commerce method and apparatus utilizing a shopping server
verifying product information on product selection

DATE-ISSUED: March 18, 2003

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DATE FILED: May 9, 2000

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/1, 707/10, 707/104.1, 705/26, 705/27

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ART-UNIT: 2177

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Choules; Jack

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Kaufman; Marc S. Nixon Peabody LLP

ABSTRACT:

An on-line commerce method and apparatus. A user can select products for purchase from plural merchant servers by examining product information stored on a shopping server. The product information related to selected products is verified by accessing a checkout page of each merchant server. The verified information is then presented to the user for confirmation. Upon confirmation, buy procedures are executed on each merchant server to purchase the products using existing account information for the user at each merchant server.

24 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

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TITLE: System and method for preparing customized printed products over a communications network

DATE-ISSUED: March 18, 2003

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 358/1.14, 358/1.15, 705/26, 705/27

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ABSTRACT:

A system for preparing customized printed products over a communications network, providing a wholesaler web server computer connected to the network; a printed products preparation system therein allowing an end-user anonymously connected to the wholesaler web server computer through at least one retailer web server to prepare an electronic file defining customized printed product; a workflow management server adapted to receive a copy of the electronic file to print the predetermined quantity of the customized printed product; the wholesaler web server computer being adapted to transmit a notification message to the at least one retailer web server computer; the copy of the electronic file being transmitted from the printed products preparation system to the workflow management system upon designation of the notification message by an operator of the retailer web server computer.

20 Claims, 29 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Online tracking of delivery status information over a computer network

DATE-ISSUED: October 8, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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McDonald; Bruce J.	Charlotte	NC		
Dix; Scott M.	Huntersville	NC		
Moore; John A.	Charlotte	NC		
Atwell; Timothy L.	Charlotte	NC		
Linz; Aaron M.	Charlotte	NC		

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General Electric Company	Schenectady	NY			02

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims the benefit of provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/173,799 filed Dec. 30, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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ART-UNIT: 2167

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Kramer; Dean J.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Yates, Esq.; John B. Clark, Esq.; Robin C. Hunton & Williams

ABSTRACT:

A method and system for tracking, over a computer network, orders placed with a supplier and shipped by any of a variety of different carriers, the tracking taking place entirely within the confines of the supplier's web site. By providing for electronic communication of delivery status information between a variety of different carriers and the supplier's server, the supplier is able to provide online tracking information to a customer regardless of the individual manner of delivery.

22 Claims, 5 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Server architecture with detection and recovery of failed out-of-process application

DATE-ISSUED: December 11, 2001

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ART-UNIT: 211

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ABSTRACT:

A server architecture has a server program to receive client requests and multiple applications to process the requests. Each application comprises a collection of agents that can be invoked to process the requests and an application manager that manages the collection of agents. The agents within the associated collection are independent from, but dynamically accessible by, the application manager. Depending on the request, the application manager selects one or more agents to generate content to be returned to the client. An application manager director manages the application managers and facilitates delivery of the client requests from the server program to the suitable application. The application managers are independent from, but dynamically accessible by, the application manager director. For a given request, the director selects the appropriate application manager to handle the request. The application manager, in turn, selects the appropriate agent to process the request. The applications, including the agents and associated application managers, can be run either in-process or out-of-process with the server program. The server architecture has a detection and recovery subsystem that detects when an out-of-process application crashes and then recovers the application from that crash. The subsystem logs requests when they are passed to the out-of-process application, and remove the requests from the log when responses to the requests are returned from the application. If the out-of-process application crashes while one or more requests are outstanding, those requests remain listed on the log and thus readily identifiable. During recovery, the subsystem cleans up the outstanding requests until the log is cleared. Thereafter, the subsystem restarts the failed application to restore the service.

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ART-UNIT: 212

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method provide for the interpretation and augmenting of structured documents electronically delivered to an individual consumer's computer using consumer profiles developed from and maintained with information reflecting the consumer's online and offline transactions, by selecting the variable content alternatives encoded in the structured documents that most closely match the consumer's profile. The consumer profiles are logically controlled by the consumer's computer, thus providing for enhanced security over information that is personal and confidential to the consumer, yet still allowing third parties such as web sites and others electronically delivering structured documents to the consumer to have such documents customized based on the consumer's profile. The consumer profile includes hierarchical attribute vectors which encode attributes of a consumer at progressively higher levels of abstraction, and allowing for querying of any combination of abstracted data or abstracted attributes of a consumer. The consumer profiles are updated with a process that reflects the relevance of each transaction to the consumer's profile, and accommodates a decay in the influence of transactions over time. A selection process for selecting content allows for multiple items of content to be selected for sequenced display to the consumer, through a limited presentation space.

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ART-UNIT: 271

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ABSTRACT:

A client at a remote site may order each of a series of images from a low resolution image database, and may then assemble these images and text into a marketing piece. Once assembly is complete, the client orders the system proprietor to produce the marketing piece according to the client's specifications. The client communicates to the system proprietor via a web site on the Internet, which has associated with it a pair of applications for the ordering of images and the assembly of marketing pieces. The client assembles the marketing piece according to one of a series of predefined templates, which constrains the choices which the client has such that the produced marketing piece will have the look and feel dictated by the client's company. The templates, each of which has associated with it a series of slots for the placement of image or text, also permit easy assembly of a marketing piece by simply specifying the material which goes within the slot. A catalog of low-resolution images are sent over the Internet to the client for his or her consideration, and a corresponding set of high-resolution images are used to produce the marketing pieces.

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